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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR KING COUNTY

The Honorable Richard A. Jones

State of Washington,

Plaintiff,

v.

Gary Leon Ridgway,

Defendant.

No. 01-1-10270-9 SEA

ORDER AMENDING
ORDER ON MEDIA
COVERAGE

The April 4, 2002 Order on Media Coverage is hereby amended in the
following regards:

1. Paragraph 2 of the April 2002 Media Order is Rescinded and Amended.

King County Court TV (KCTV) will be allowed in the Courtroom.
KCTV cameras will be "pool" cameras and shall share their video feed
with media requesting the same. KCTV will have cameras and equipment
positioned as reflected in the Media Assignment Chart (MAC), a copy of

1 which is attached and incorporated herein by this reference. Only KCTV
2 microphones are approved for use in the Courtroom for these proceedings.
3 No external microphones may be placed anywhere in the courtroom, such
4 as counsel tables, jury box rail, witness stand or the bench.
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7 1.1 In addition, the Court has approved the location of two additional
8 broadcast media pool cameras in the Courtroom. These television cameras
9 shall be on a tripod in a fixed location approved by the Court. The location
10 of these cameras will be as reflected in the MAC. These cameras shall
11 share their video feeds with media requesting the same. The Court
12 approved Media Representative shall be responsible for designating the
13 broadcasting station responsible for placing the referenced cameras.
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17 1.2 No fixed or mounted broadcast camera shall be allowed outside of
18 E942 because they would restrict and impede the safe flow and access to
19 that Courtroom.
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22 2. Paragraph 3 of the April 2002 Media Order is Rescinded and
23 Amended.
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25 Two still cameras will be allowed in the Courtroom. These cameras

1 will be "pool" cameras and shall share their pictures with media
2 requesting the same. The still cameras will be positioned as reflected in
3 the attached MAC. The Media Representative shall be responsible for
4 designating the media entity responsible for the referenced cameras.
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7 2.1 No fixed or mounted still camera shall be allowed outside of E942
8 because they would restrict and impede the safe flow and access to that
9 Courtroom.
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12 3. Paragraph 12 of the April 2002 Media Order is Rescinded and
13 Amended.
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15 The audio system for radio broadcast purposes shall be operated
16 through a "Mult Box" utilizing the audio feed from the designated pool
17 broadcast cameras referenced above. The location for the radio broadcast
18 feeds shall be as reflected in the MAC.
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21 4. Media Pooling: Due to the overwhelming interest in this
22 proceeding, there will be limited press seating in the courtroom (E942)
23 on November 5, 2003. By this Order, 29 seats will be reserved for the
24 media in E942. These 29 seats are exclusive of the personnel associated
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1 with King County Court TV. Of the 29 set aside seats, 13 shall be
2 reserved for representatives of the local news media: Associated Press,
3 The Seattle Times, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, King County Journal,
4 The News Tribune -Tacoma, WA, KOMO TV, KIRO TV, KING TV,
5 and Q13, plus two pool still photographers and two pool video camera
6 persons. This priority seating is due to the fact that these local news
7 organizations have covered this case for an extended period of time.
8 The other 16 slots shall be determined by lottery.
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12 4.1 The lottery system for the distribution of the remaining 16 slots
13 shall be the sole responsibility of the media. They shall file with the Court
14 and the Court's Public Information Officer a statement of agreed
15 arrangements for the media pool designations. These agreed arrangements
16 shall include the specific names of all media representatives. In the
17 absence of media agreement on disputed seating assignments or seat
18 selection, the Court may deny media coverage by that media agency.
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22 4.2 Unless otherwise approved or designated, all media
23 representatives shall be seated in the area designated for the media as
24 reflected in the Media Assignment Chart (MAC), a copy of which is
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1 attached and incorporated herein by this reference. Those representatives
2 assigned to the pool video and pool still cameras shall position themselves
3 in accordance with the assigned location reflected in the MAC. Reporters
4 assigned to these seats must arrive before 8:50 a.m. and will not be
5 allowed to leave the designated areas when court convenes except during
6 official breaks. Any designated media representative who does not arrive
7 and claim their assigned seat as noted will lose it and the seat will be
8 assigned to the next person on the lottery list.
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12 4.3 Members of the media who do not have courtroom seats may not
13 reserve general public seats. They may occupy general public seats only
14 when they are not occupied by members of the public.
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17 4.4 Reporters may not use personal tape recorders even for note-
18 taking purposes when Court is in session.
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21 4.5 Media personnel shall turn off any cellular phone or beeper device
22 while Court is in session.
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1 5. By this Order, the Court designates a Press-Equipment Feed Area
2 as reflected in the MAC. This area shall be restricted to credentialed
3 media or those connected with the King County Court TV operation. This
4 location is reserved for the technical production of television feeds, radio
5 feeds and photo transmission.
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8 6.1 Equipment used in this area shall be operated in a "quiet" or
9 "silent" mode so as not to interfere, distract or disrupt court proceedings
10 in any manner.
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13 6.2 Equipment shall not produce distracting sound or light. Motorized
14 drives, moving lights, flash attachments, or sudden lighting changes shall
15 not be used.
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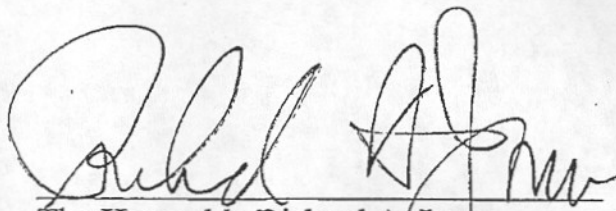
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18 7. Overflow Room. In the event E942 is at capacity for seating,
19 W719 shall serve as an overflow room. Priority seating in the overflow
20 room shall be for credentialed attendees (non-media) whose presence
21 cannot be accommodated in E942. The media may occupy general public
22 seats in the overflow room when they are not occupied by credentialed
23 attendees.
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2 7.1. No cameras, media feeds or media equipment of any type will be
3 allowed in any overflow room. No fixed cameras of any type will be
4 allowed in any areas outside of any overflow room because they would
5 restrict and impede the safe flow and access to and from the Courtroom.
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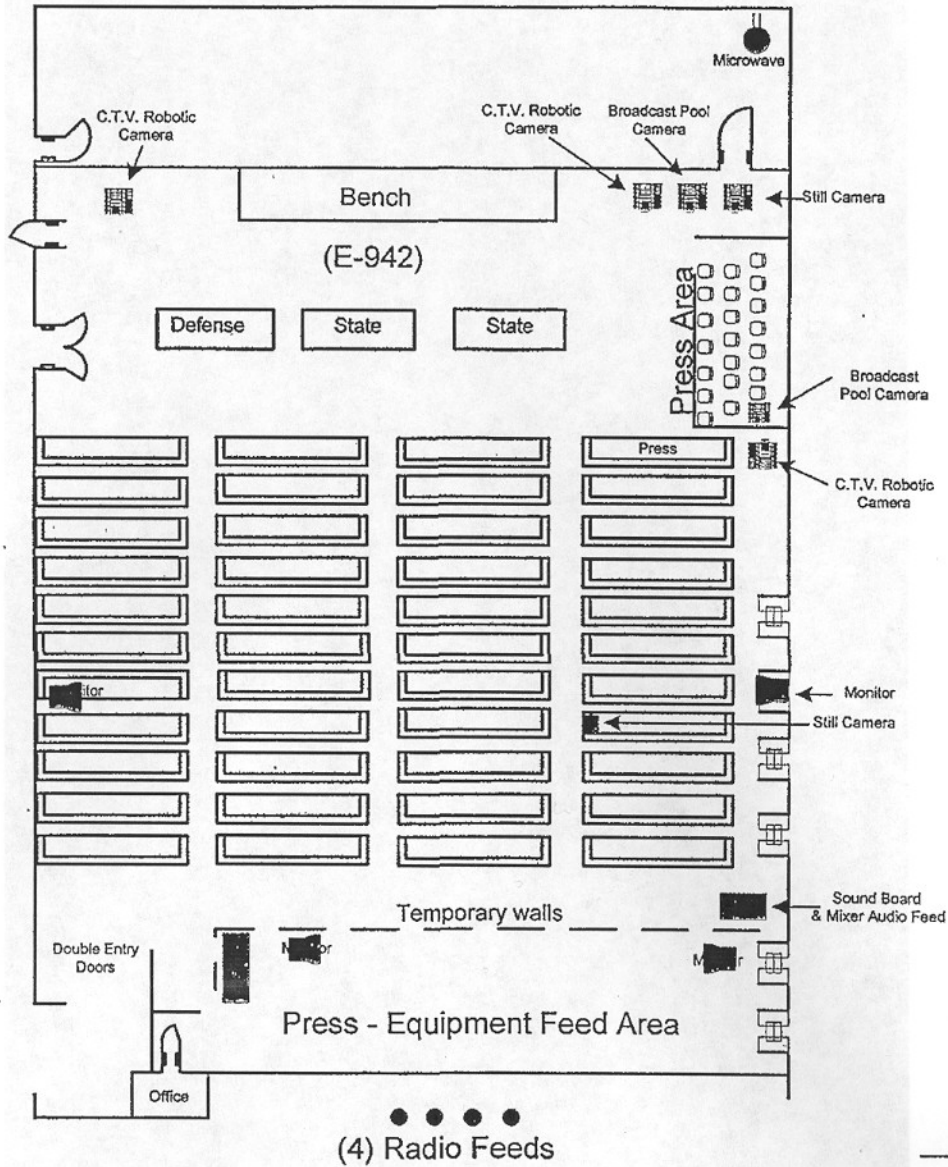
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8 8. By this Order, the Court approves the following as Media
9 Representatives: Scott Thomsen of Associated Press, Marcus Donner
10 of the King County Journal Newspapers and George Tibbits of Associated
11 Press.
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14 9. Any violation of the Court's Media Orders is an unlawful
15 interference with the proceedings of the Court, and may be the basis for an
16 order terminating media coverage, a citation for contempt of court, or an
17 order imposing monetary or other sanctions as provided by law.
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20 Dated this 4th day of November, 2003.

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25 The Honorable Richard A. Jones
King County Superior Court Judge

Media Assignment Chart



Main Hallway

Refer to Media Order from
Judge Richard Jones.